



*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*

*September 20th, 2020*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

*10:00 am*

*IF POSSIBLE PLEASE PRINT OUT A COPY OF THIS SERVICE  
& BRING THE COPY WITH YOU ON SUNDAY.*

*It will be needed for any unison readings..*

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*\*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **GATHERING**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

### ***WE APPROACH GOD***

**Call to Worship**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

\*Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**People:** *Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek the Lord's presence continually.*

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all the Lord's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name' let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Prayer of Adoration**

◇ New every morning is your love, Great God of Light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

(All) Together

*\*Lord God, you hear our cries of pain and our constant complaining. Your relentless compassion for your people defies any human logic or understanding. You provide bread from heaven and the assurance that you will not abandon us in our need. Despite your goodness, we grumble. Rather than rejoice in your grace, we question why you would embrace those we think undeserving—forgetting that none of us are righteous, all of us saved by grace. Forgive us for judging others and begrudging your generosity. We thank you again for hearing our cries and responding with love. Amen.*

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

\*Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People:** *Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but to save sinners.*

Leader: Therefore, we can believe the good news that we are in fact forgiven and even now made new creations in Christ.

*(service continues)*

## ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Derek Almarode, Elder

**Scripture** Old Testament Ephesians 2:10  
New Testament II Timothy 3:16-17

### **Sermon**

*"Growing Up"*  
Derek Almarode, Elder

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

### **\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed  
(All) Together

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### **Prayers of the People Joys & Concerns**

Brian Lee, Worship Leader

\*Lord, we find ourselves wondering if we will dwell in this season of uncertainty and stress forever. Everything feels unsettled and upended.

Children attend school in their homes or in buildings with multiple protocols for distancing and safety. Parents attempt to work with limited or non-existent childcare.

Many among us now face not only unemployment but the end of unemployment benefits.

Others struggle with illnesses and grief.

We pray for those reeling from natural disasters; especially we ask you to provide for the victims of the wildfires raging in the West and the people recovering from Hurricane Sally.

We pray for those facing economic hardships, those worried about meeting their basic needs.

We pray for the peacemakers, justice-seekers, and the caregivers.

*(prayer continues)*

We call out to you for help, knowing you hear the cries of your people and respond with compassion. You give us a community of faith that upholds us in our weakness, encourages us when our hope lags and makes your love felt when we feel alone. You sustain us with your spirit.

We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,  
***Our Father...***

**The Lord's Prayer**

(All) Together

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

### ***SENDING***

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

Derek Almarode, Elder

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